

# Marine Fisheries

## Horseshoe Crab Biomedical Use Permit

**What Activities Require This Permit?** The use of horseshoe crabs taken in joint or coastal waters of North Carolina for biomedical purposes.

**What Is The Purpose of This Permit?** To identify the facilities that are using horseshoe crabs for biomedical purposes, to track the number of crabs harvested, any associated mortality, and stay in compliance with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission horseshoe crab fishery management plan.

**Who Issues This Permit?** N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF), License and Statistics Section.

**How Much Will This Permit Cost?** No cost.

**Where Can I Get The Application For This Permit?** Contact any N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries license office. Visit the following link for license sales locations: <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/mf/dmf-offices>.

**How Long Will It Take To Review My Application?** No review required.

**Where Do I Submit My Application?** Any N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries License Office. Visit the following link for license sales contact information: <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/mf/dmf-offices>.

**How Long Is My Permit or License or Certificate Valid?** Permits are valid for up to one year and expire on June 30.

**Notes/Comments:** Contact NCDMF license staff at the Morehead City office for details and reporting requirements.

**Legal Authority/Statute Reference:** General Statute 113-169.1 and 113-169.3, North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission Rules 15A NCAC 03L .0207, 03O .0501 and 03O .0503.

**Link:** <http://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/marine-fisheries>

### Statewide Contact Information:

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